

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE
Chapter 51: SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT

§1254. RELEASE FROM IMPRISONMENT

1. An imprisoned person shall be unconditionally released and discharged upon the expiration of his sentence, minus the deductions authorized under section 1253, except that, as to a person committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections, if the computation of that person's sentence fixes his release and discharge date on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, that person may be released and discharged on the last regular business day of the correctional facility preceding that Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

[1985, c. 821, §13 (AMD) .]

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[1977, c. 510, §82 (RP) .]

2-A. If the length of the unsuspended portion of a prisoner's term of imprisonment is 8 days or more, a prisoner sentenced to a county jail may be released at any time on the final day of imprisonment, in accordance with jail release procedures; otherwise, the prisoner shall not be released until the prisoner has served the full term of hours or days imposed by the court.

[1989, c. 215, (NEW) .]

3. All persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections pursuant to a sentence imposed under the law in effect prior to the effective date of this code shall be released and discharged according to the law as it was in force prior to the effective date of this code and such law shall continue in force for this purpose as if this code were not enacted.

[1985, c. 456, §3 (AMD) .]

4. Any prisoner convicted of an offense committed prior to the effective date of this code and sentenced under the law then in effect may elect to have his parole eligibility calculated using the good-time and meritorious good-time deductions available to prisoners sentenced under this code. The election shall result in the application in its entirety of the most favorable good-time and meritorious good-time law during the effective dates of each such law to the parole eligibility determination of the electing prisoner. The parole eligibility and good-time and meritorious good-time deductions of a prisoner who does not so elect shall be calculated in accordance with the laws in effect on the date the offense was committed. Nothing in this section may be construed to compel or permit discharge of any prisoner sooner than the discharge would have occurred under the law in effect on the date the offense was committed.

[1987, c. 61, (NEW) .]

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